Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 17-32 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

In some embodiments of the present invention, an incision having a controlled, predetermined length may be made in one or both of a target vessel and a graft conduit prior to creating an anastomosis between the target vessel and the graft conduit. (It should be noted that, although apparatus and methods for making a controlled-length incision will be described herein in relation to vessels between which an anastomosis is to be created, the controlled-length incision may be made in any tubular body fluid conduit in a patient.) Apparatus and methods for making a controlled length incision are also described, for example, in concurrently-filed, commonly-assigned U.S. patent application No. ~~_____ (Attorney Docket No. 293/053)~~ 10/678,403, filed October 3, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.